WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An isolated and purified recombinant polypeptide comprising a transit peptide domain and a cell-cycle effector domain, wherein said polypeptide is capable of entering a cell and inhibiting cell cycle progression.
- 2. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the transit peptide comprises a hydrophobic amino acid sequence or an amphipathic cationic amino acid sequence.
- 3. The polypeptide of claim 2, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises any one of SEQ ID NOS:7-20.
- 4. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the cell-cycle effector domain comprises a portion of a cell cycle regulatory protein.
- 5. The polypeptide of claim 4, wherein the cell-cycle effector domain comprises a portion of a cyclin protein.
- 6. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:22.
- 7. The polynucleotide of claim 6 wherein the polynucleotide is operably linked to a promoter.

- 8. The polynucleotide of claim 7, wherein the polynucleotide is part of a vector for expression of recombinant proteins in a host cell.
- 9. The polynucleotide of claim 8 wherein the host cell is selected from the group consisting of a cell in a transgenic animal, a cell in a transgenic plant, a yeast cell, an insect cell and a mammalian cell.
- 10. The polynucleotide of claim 9 wherein the host cell is a Pichia pastoris cell.
- 11. A Pichia pastoris cell comprising a polynucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:22.
- 12. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:21 or 25.
- 13. The isolated polynucleotide of claim 12 consisting of SEQ ID NO:21.
- 14. The isolated polynucleotide of claim 12 consisting of SEQ ID NO:25..